

Wyoming State-Wide Methamphetamine Awareness Conference

"How it impacts the community, businesses and our children."

**January 22 - 23, 2004
Casper Events Center**

The Problem

The state's methamphetamine caseload has risen 700 percent since 1992 and is showing no sign of abating. The relative inexpensiveness of the drug, the intensity and duration of its high, easily accessible chemicals and manufacturing information, and limited treatment options make it difficult to reduce its use.

The production and use of methamphetamine is having far reaching impacts on our communities. One of the by-products of meth use is an increase in violent crimes, domestic violence and child abuse. Many previously identified meth users are known to engage in crimes such as burglary, larceny, and fraud to support their habit. This year in Natrona County, we have seen five homicides and many domestic violence cases where meth was a contributing factor.

When the effects of meth start to wear off, which could last 8-10 hours, users are likely to be extremely violent and irrational. A large percentage of burglaries and assaults are related to methamphetamine abuse.

The labs alone present challenges to law enforcement because of their toxic nature, and cleanup often costs thousands of dollars. A lab near Jackson cost \$50,000 to clean because bulldozers had to scrape away contaminated topsoil.

The Conference

Because of these startling statistics and facts, some leading national experts have been invited to help our communities develop a plan of action for addressing the problems of use and abuse.

Casper will host a two-day Methamphetamine Awareness Conference January 22 – 23, 2004, at the Casper Events Center. The conference is hosted by the Wyoming Department of Family Services, Wyoming Department of Health – Substance Abuse Division, Casper Police Department, Casper Area

Chamber of Commerce, Wells Fargo Bank, Black Hills Bentonite, Morris Gray, Mr&Mrs RM Robertson, Governor Mike Sullivan and numerous others.

There will be national and local speakers, exhibit booths, break-out sessions. The conference schedule and registration information are available on the website:

www.casperwyoming.org/meth/

Who Should Attend

The conference is for everyone – clinical treatment personnel, social workers, teachers, law enforcement, business owners, counselors, students, and individuals in the community that are interested to learn more about this problem, how to recognize it, what treatment options are available, and what the long-term effects can cause.

Businesses have a vested interest in this issue as it affects their employees, productivity, and profit. Owners and managers will also have an opportunity to hear from other businesses that have implemented work place drug testing programs. Discussing the obstacles of getting a program started, success stories, and some of the lessons learned.

FREE Community Session

Included in the conference is an evening session that will focus on various elements of addiction. This includes recognizing symptoms, testing options, home meth production and employer responsibilities.

The evening session is open to the public for **FREE** on Thursday evening, January 22nd starting at 6:30 pm. Families, parents, children and community members are encouraged to attend the evening seminar at the Events Center to learn more about this growing problem in our area. For more information about the Community session, visit the website

www.casperwyoming.org/meth/

Exhibitors

There will be exhibit booths at the two-day conference. Private business and Non-profit agencies are welcome to set up a booth to share information about their services and products. If you are interested in having a booth at the conference, please complete the registration form on the website.

For more information contact Mike Moore, 235-8470 or send an email to mmoore@cityofcasperwy.com

Sponsors

Sponsorships are available and range from \$100 to \$300. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the conference contact the Casper Police Department (235-8225) or the Casper Chamber (234-5311).

CONFERENCE SPONSORS:

- Black Hills Bentonite
- Casper Police Department
- Casper Area Chamber of Commerce
- City of Casper
- Morris G. Gray
- Mr. & Mrs. R.M. Robertson
- Mike Sullivan, Ambassador to Ireland and former Wyoming Governor
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Wyoming Behavioral Institute
- Wyoming Department of Family Services
- Wyoming Department of Health - Substance Abuse Division
- Wyoming Recovery Program

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JANUARY 22 - 23, 2004 SCHEDULE

Continuing Education & Professional Credits

- **LAW ENFORCEMENT, PAROLE, DISPATCH, CORRECTIONS:** Fifteen (15) Post credits will be available.

- **MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS:** Will receive a certificate for 12 hours of CEU's.

- **NURSES and MEDICAL PERSONNEL:** The conference is approved for credits through the Wyoming Hospital Association for 12 hours of CEU's.

- **TEACHERS:** The conference is approved for credits through the Professional Teaching Standards Board. This conference will be 1/2 credit or 7 - 13 contact hours for teachers.

Thursday - January 22, 2004

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Conference Registration - Casper Events Center

8:00 - 12:00 noon (choose one)

- **Clinical Treatment** - Dr. Ole Thienhaus Ph.D. - Chairman, Department of Psychology, University of Nevada School of Medicine
- **Youth Family Treatment** - Susan Webber-Brown, Child Endangerment
- **Law Enforcement** - SA Robert Pennel, California Bureau of Narcotics, Meth Lab

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon - U.S. District Judge William Downes

1:30 - 1:35 p.m. Welcome and Introduction - Chief Tom Pagel

1:35 - 2:35 p.m. Illicit Methamphetamine Trafficking & Manufacturing - DEA SAIC James S. Mavromatis

2:35 - 3:00 p.m. Corrections - Steve Lindley

3:00 - 5:15 p.m. (Choose 3 of 7) 40-minute breakout sessions

- **Meth and More: Dual Diagnosis** - Dr. Larry Plemmons
- **Drug Testing and the Work Force** - Halliburton, Albertson's Home Depot, Sauer Drilling, Val Sprecher
- **CSAC Financial Resources HB59** - Dr. Cheri Lester, Ph.D. - Department of Health
- **Meth Labs** - SA Al Bennet, Wyoming DCI
- **WYSAC Data** - Dr. Rodney Wambeam and Carter Rees
- **School Data on Substance Abuse and Drop Out** - Dr. Dal Curry, Ed. Ph.D. - Natrona County School District
- **Girls School** - Gary Kopsa, Director

FREE Thursday evening Community Session

Included in the conference is a Thursday evening session FREE for the Community; Casper Area parents, families, children or community members are invited to attend. The program includes topics that will provide knowledge on how to recognize symptoms, testing options, home meth production and employer responsibilities. See schedule for more information.

Friday - January 23, 2004

8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Community Action Presentation: Salt Lake City Methamphetamine Initiative - Marjean Searcy

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Natrona County Coalition/SIG Grant - Nancy Johnson

11:30 a.m. Closing Remarks - (to be announced)

Conference Speakers

Special Agent (SA) Albert Bennett is with the Wyoming Attorney Generals Division of Criminal Investigation, where he has spent twenty three years. He received an A.A.S. Criminal Justice at Casper College. Since 1999 he has taught approximately 92 Clan Lab classes, for approximately 256 hours, and approximately 2,047 students in Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah.

Judge William Downes has been in Casper since June 1994 and he has been the Chief Judge of the District of Wyoming since July 1999. He received his J.D. in 1974 from the University of Houston Law Center and in 1975 was admitted to the Wyoming Bar, and 1988 to the Colorado Bar.

Nancy Johnson is the Executive Director of Mercer House Inc., which is a prevention, intervention and education agency in Casper. Nancy also worked for the Department of Family Services and was the Victim/Witness Director at the Seventh Judicial District Attorney's office.

Dr. Cheri Lester earned her doctorate from the University of Wyoming in Counselor Education and Supervision with emphasis in Criminal Justice. Her experience in the clinical arena includes inpatient psychiatric care, outpatient mental health and substance abuse counseling, and secured inpatient treatment for adolescent delinquents. Currently she manages substance abuse treatment for the state of Wyoming Department of Health.

James Mavromatis is the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration official who runs a clearinghouse of data on methamphetamine manufacture and trafficking. He oversees the Clandestine Laboratory Seizure System, which helps drug enforcement officers in Clark County, Washington, and around the nation. He is a special agent in charge of the El Paso Intelligence Center, the DEA's 15-agency effort to collect and disseminate information concerning illicit drug trafficking.

Rodger McDaniel is the Director of the Wyoming Department of Family Services. He is also a lawyer and an ordained minister. Rodger received a law degree from the University of Wyoming in 1980. He was elected to the Wyoming legislature at age 22 in 1970 and served 10 years (1971-1981).

Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Robert Pennal, Office of the Attorney General, California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, is a 23 year law enforcement veteran. SAS Pennal is currently the Task Force Commander of the Central Valley High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Fresno Methamphetamine Task Force. The majority involved large scale manufacturing by the Mexican National Drug Trafficking Organization. He is a recognized expert in the manufacturing and distribution of methamphetamine.

Carter Rees has been with the Wyoming Statistical Analysis Center (WSAC) since February 2001. He received a B.A. in history from Dakota Wesleyan University and a Master of Arts degree in political science with a graduate minor in statistics from the University of Wyoming and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in the UW Statistics Department. Currently he is the principal investigator for Project Safe Neighborhoods in Wyoming.

Marjean Searcy was hired in February 1999 as the Project Coordinator for the Salt Lake City COPS Methamphetamine Initiative, which has received national recognition as an effective response to the methamphetamine epidemic. The project combines comprehensive problem oriented policing strategies in the areas of law enforcement, prosecution, judicial, child protection, substance abuse treatment, medical, and public awareness. In 2001, Ms Searcy and her colleagues received the Police Department Distinguished Unit Citation for the Meth Initiative.

Dr. Ole Thienhaus is professor of psychiatry at the University of Nevada School of Medicine in Reno and Las Vegas. He is a graduate of the Free University of Berlin School of Medicine and completed his psychiatric residency at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. His interests are in psychopharmacology and crisis intervention. He has developed special expertise in mental disorders of older persons, especially memory deterioration and related problems, and in correctional psychiatry and addictions.

Berton Toews, MD, FASAM has been practicing medicine in Casper since 1976, is Wyoming's only full-time addiction doctor. He is the medical director of Wyoming Recovery, which specializes in outpatient and inpatient addiction treatment, and of Wyoming Professional Assistance Program, which helps impaired doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists to recover their health and practice.

Rodney Wambeam, Ph.D. is a Research Scientist at the Wyoming Statistical Analysis Center (WSAC). He coordinates the 21st Century SIG evaluation and the Federal Prevention Block Grant evaluation, which involves overseeing a team of researchers who are responsible for the program, community, and state level evaluations of these exciting projects. Dr. Wambeam completed his Bachelor's degree and two Master's degrees at the University of Wyoming and finished his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. His work in substance abuse prevention includes over 50 research projects and a popular training titled "The Least You Need to Know ... About Program Evaluation".

Susan Webber-Brown has been a District Attorney Investigator in Butte County, California for 20 years. She has been on special assignment as a detective with the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force for the past 12 years. She is responsible for the investigation of major narcotic cases and child endangerment. Sue is responsible for the development and successful "Drug Endangered Children (D.E.C.)" Program, the first of its kind in the country. Sue co-authored a training guide on DEC, is a nationally recognized DEC expert, and lectures across the nation.

For more information, please contact one of the following:

City of Casper Police Department, 307-235-8225; Workforce Development Services, 307-234-4591;
Casper Chamber of Commerce 307-234-5311 or toll free 866-234-5311 or email chamber@casperwyoming.org

REGISTRATION FORM

Name	Company/Organization		
Address (Street or P.O. Box)	City	State	Zip
Telephone	Email Address		

Thursday, January 22, 2004 8:00a.m. – 11:30a.m. session (SELECT TWO)

There are three sessions running concurrently at the beginning of the conference. Please select the session you would like to attend. Please indicate your first choice [1] and second choice [2].

- ☐ Track #1 Clinical Treatment – Dr. Ole Thienhaus – Chairman Department of Psychology
University of Nevada School of Medicine
- ☐ Track #2 Youth Family Treatment – Susan Webber-Brown – Child Endangerment
- ☐ Track #3 Law Enforcement – SA Robert Pennel – California Bureau of Narcotics – Meth Labs

Conference Fees

Two-day conference including 1/22/04 lunch, breaks and continuing education credits \$65
(A \$10 discount is available if registration and payment are received by 1/12/04)

Registration Fee

Two-day conference including 1/22/04 lunch, breaks (no continuing education credits) \$50
(A \$10 discount is available if registration and payment are received by 1/12/04)

Registration Fee

Payment Method

Checks and purchase orders should be made payable to: Casper PD – Meth Conf

Cancellations and Refunds

Registration fees will be refunded only if a cancellation is received in writing no later than January 19, 2004. All refunds will be processed after the conference. Substitutions are allowed.

Mail Registration Form

Please mail completed registration form with payment or purchase order to: City of Casper Police Department,
Attn: Mary Ellen Stewart, 201 North David, Casper WY 82601

For More Information or Questions

Contact Mary Ellen Stewart at the City of Casper Police Department, (307) 235-8225, Barbara Summers (307) 234-4591, or the Casper Area Chamber of Commerce (307) 234-5311, www.casperwyoming.org/meth/